



# VILLAGE OF CORFU

116 East Main Street  
Corfu, NY 14036  
Office: 585-599-3327  
Court: 585-599-3380

FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER



## VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Wednesday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

## NEW COURT HOURS

Open Monday - Friday  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Court is held every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Monday of the month  
Phone: 585-599-3380

## MEETINGS

Village Board meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Committee meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Planning Board meetings are held the fourth TUESDAY of the month at 7:00 pm.

Meeting minutes can be found on the website:  
[www.corfuny.com](http://www.corfuny.com)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Village Clerk [clerk@corfuny.com](mailto:clerk@corfuny.com)  
Village Deputy Court Clerk [deputyclerk@corfuny.com](mailto:deputyclerk@corfuny.com)  
Judge O'Connor [villagecourt@yahoo.com](mailto:villagecourt@yahoo.com)  
[villagecourt@yahoo.com](mailto:villagecourt@yahoo.com)

### **Village Board:**

Mayor Biggs Johnson [mayor@corfuny.com](mailto:mayor@corfuny.com)  
Trustee Ken Lauer [trustee02@corfuny.com](mailto:trustee02@corfuny.com)  
Trustee Al Graham [trustee01@corfuny.com](mailto:trustee01@corfuny.com)  
Trustee Jenny McMartin-Eck [deputymayor@corfuny.com](mailto:deputymayor@corfuny.com)  
Trustee Tom Sargent [trustee03@corfuny.com](mailto:trustee03@corfuny.com)

### **Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer:**

Brian Schollard [codeenforcement@corfuny.com](mailto:codeenforcement@corfuny.com)

## HALLOWEEN HOURS

The Village Board has set hours for Halloween Tricks & Treats between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Wednesday, October 31, 2018



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**CORFU VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE**

Wednesday, **OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>** from 6:30pm-8:30pm

At 116 East Main Street  
Serving coffee, cider & donuts  
Kids Activities, Games, Prizes, Family Fun

## 2019 WINTERFEST

Winterfest 2019 needs volunteers to help in order to continue. For further info or if you are interested in helping or participating, contact the Village Office at 599-3327.

## **CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE BENEFITING OUR LOCAL CHILDREN**

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING A NEW,  
UNWRAPPED TOY OR GAME

THERE ARE 2 WAYS TO DONATE:

Bring Toys to:  
Corfu Fire Dept.  
Monday Evenings  
or Village Office  
Mon – Fri 9-4  
116 E Main St



Or Bring Toys to:  
Corfu Presbyterian Church Open House  
For info call:  
599-6414

Sponsors:

Village of Corfu, Corfu Volunteer Fire Dept.  
& Corfu United Presbyterian Church  
For more info. call Village Office at 599-3327

# BOARD CONNECTION

It looks like summer is over. We would like to thank the Village residents for their patience during the high traffic times of the Concert Season.

## **SEWER:**

The Town of Pembroke is working on getting a grant for potential new hook-ups and adding capacity to the Village Plant. They are currently waiting for the award list from NYS for grant funding. You can get more detailed information from the minutes on the Corfu and Pembroke websites.

## **SEWER BILLING REMINDER**

Village of Corfu Sewer Law Section 1118 reads; "If there shall be any payments which are due to the Village of Corfu, or any Department thereof, pursuant to any Article or Section of this Law, which shall remain due and unpaid, in whole or in part, for a period of **thirty (30) calendar days** from the date of billing by the Village of Corfu, the same shall constitute a default, and there shall be added to the entire amount of the original bill a penalty equal to **ten percent (10%)** of the original bill, and **interest shall accrue on the unpaid balance at a rate of two percent (2%) per month**, retroactive to the date of the original billing." If you pay your bill late and do not include all interest due, it will be added to your next bill. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## **COSTLY CLOGS!**

We would like to remind everyone that disposing of grease, disposable wipes, and other personal hygiene products can cause blockages or clogs in the sewer system, which are very costly to remove. Although we are not a big city, the simple act of not disposing of grease, wipes and other products via your sink or toilets can help prevent costly clogs and blockages in the system. Let's all help keep our sewer system "fat-free".

The Sewer Department will be spot checking to locate any illegal hookups to the Sanitary Sewer system, such as sump pumps. You could be fined if found to have an illegal hookup.

## **POLICE:**

We would like to welcome our new part-time Officers Scott Johnston, Kevin Koscielniak, David Krzemien and Patrick Reeves.

SNOW BIRDS NOTICE! Don't forget if you are going out of town for the winter or for any length of time, the Village Police will do "Property Checks" to keep a special eye on your home. If you would like to alert the Police to your upcoming absence, please come in to the Village Office to fill out a form so we will have your contact information in case it is needed.

## **GRANT INFO:**

This fall the Village police will be utilizing our 2018 DWI grant with specialized DWI patrols. The Village Police were also awarded a STEP Grant for \$1105.00 and a Law Enforcement Grant for \$2800.00. We are still waiting for the preliminary paperwork to be approved on the grant award from Senator Ranzenhofer for the Sewer Upgrades.

## **ELECTIONS:**

Elections will be coming up on Tuesday March 19, 2019. Just a reminder that caucuses must be held between January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and advertised 10 days before the caucus. Positions to be filled are Mayor and two Trustees for 2 year terms. For further information contact the Village Office.

## **MAINTENANCE:**

Pickup for leaves and brush will be on Monday and Fridays, or as work schedule and weather allows throughout the season. Please make sure there is no animal waste in the leaves. **Please keep brush, branches and fallen nuts with husks separate from leaves**, as the branches and nuts will plug the leaf vacuum. Brush and branches should be in manageable lengths not longer than 4 feet. If a large amount of branches must be disposed of, you may call for the Village trailer. You will be required to load the trailer, but there will be no charge for hauling the branches. Also, remember there is **NO OPEN BURNING!** This is a STATE LAW and will be enforced!

During the week of Halloween we would appreciate that any leaves and brush needing to be picked up, have them out by the road by Friday October 26<sup>th</sup> for pickup, as we would like to have the sidewalks and streets clear for the Trick or Treaters. We want to ensure a safe night for the kids to enjoy. Just a reminder there will be an Open House for the kids at the Fire Hall Wednesday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:30pm-8:30pm Halloween evening. Also don't forget there will be Christmas tree pickup after the holidays.

Water Street and Maple Avenue were oiled and stoned this summer through the use of Chips funds from NYS DOT. Several slabs of sidewalk were also replaced.

## **COMMITTEE NEWS:**

Winterfest time is coming. The Village is looking for organizers and volunteers for the Winterfest. We encourage you to share your time and ideas. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact the Village Office at 585-599-3327.

## **ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

The Village Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer, Brian Schollard, has been working in conjunction with the Village Board and Planning Board to facilitate building permits for several individuals. He is also working on contacting individuals that are in violation of various codes and attempting to work with them to take care of the violations in a timely manner. For Zoning or Code requirements and questions, Brian can be contacted at 585-356-4362.

The Planning Board is working on updating forms and what forms and procedures are necessary for various permits. **Please note that Zoning Board of Appeals needs two members. Now is your chance to get involved and help your Village. Please contact the Village Office if you are interested in becoming a Zoning Board of Appeals Member.** This is a great opportunity to get involved with the future of your Village. For further info on the Zoning Board of Appeals contact the Village office.

Please note that the meeting nights for the Planning Board are on the **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday** of the month. The public is always welcome to attend.

Building and Zoning permits are available at the Village Office. Zoning permit application and building permit applications are also available on the Village website at **[www.corfuny.com](http://www.corfuny.com)**

## **COUNTY WATER AND SALES TAX AGREEMENT**

There has been no resolution with the County regarding the Water and Sales Tax Agreements. The Board will continue to actively represent the Village Tax Payers and will keep you updated on any further developments.

**Don't forget to check the Community page for upcoming events in the area. Some of these events are coming up right away, so you don't want to miss them.**

**IT'S YOUR COMMUNITY! GET INVOLVED!**



## SNOW REMOVAL

We would like to remind Village residents that under the law, the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. The Village will try to assist in the removal of snow from the sidewalks, however this does not and cannot reduce owner's responsibility. If everyone will abide by the following rules, it would facilitate snow removal in the Village.

Please do not pile snow from driveways onto the sidewalks, particularly after the Village plow has gone through.

Please remember there is a parking ban on Village streets between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Vehicles in violation will be issued tickets and may be towed away. This is regardless of whether or not there is snow. Please do not park on sidewalks or block sidewalks at any time.



Section 8,H of Local Law No. 1 of 1992 states it shall be unlawful for any dog owner to permit or allow a dog to create a nuisance by defecating, urinating or digging on public or private property other than the property of the said owner. This includes public sidewalks, the Cemetery and the Library. It is not a dog park.

**PLEASE CLEAN IT UP!**

## OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH!

A few brief tips to keep your family safe from fire dangers.

- Make sure your home has working smoke alarms. Test alarms at least once a month.
- Plan your home escape, with two ways out of each room. Practice your fire drill and escape plan.
- If there is a fire, get outside quickly and stay outside, then call 911. If unable to get out call, 911 to let them know.

For more detailed info contact your local Fire Department.

## HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS BY AL

### HISTORICAL TIDBITS

I would like to thank all those that attended or volunteered at the Brick House Fair in September. With the start of the Fieldcrest Meadows subdivision near the Sewer plant I thought I would mention a few other housing developments in the past.

- Lawrence Avenue; was approved by the Village Board and began construction in 1952. It was built on land from the Lawrence family and was extended in 1979.
- Meadowbrook Terrace; Local realtor Alvin Miller began this development in 1952. Wilma Starkweather won a contest to name it Meadowbrook Terrace. It was 1954 before it was approved by the Village Board.
- Thompson Drive; A group of local businessmen started this project in 1966 on land owned by the Thompson family. Later that same year it was dedicated to the Village.
- Longs Lane; The same group of businessmen began this in 1967. It runs parallel to Main Street between Main Street and the railroad tracks and connects to Thompson Drive. It is named after the Long family, founders of the Village. Part was dedicated to the Village in 1971, the rest in 1973.
- Genesee Heights; This is not an official Village street but has over 40 modular units located here. It was started by Al Bontrager and Calvin Beachy and is now owned by Ron Witkop. The land was annexed to the Village in 1990 and the development was approved by the Village in 1991.
- Fieldcrest Drive; A road was built in 1981 to connect the new sewer plant to Main Street. It was named Fieldcrest Drive in 1988. A new housing development, Fieldcrest Meadows owned by Triton Real Estate was started in 2018. They plan to have 17 units.
- Soon to be in the works is Corfu Commons Apartments to be located at 49 West Main Street (the Market property).

### UPCOMING PEMBROKE 2018 -19 HISTORICAL PROGRAMS

The Town of Pembroke Historical programs are the first Wednesday of the months of October, November, April, May and June. November 7, 2018 Greg Kinal will present a new program on D-Day. December 5, 2018 is the Historical Society's annual Christmas Party to be held at "Yorkshire Hall" on Route 5. All Programs are open to the public at no charge. They are all held at the Pembroke Town Hall unless noted otherwise. For more information contact the Town at 599-4892.

## Corfu Fire District News

The Corfu Fire District has entered into a contract with E-One Inc. from Hamburg NY to rechassis, refurbish, and rebuild our 1998 Engine Tanker. Delivery will be in later 2019. The cost is \$265,000. A new chassis will be utilized with the 1998 stainless steel body and the pump. Refurbishing and rebuilding these components will result in a substantial cost savings to the taxpayers in excess of \$80,000 over purchasing a completely new engine.

The Corfu Fire District has been setting funds aside each year for equipment purchases. This has allowed the district to save enough funds so we do not have to borrow money for this project. This is the first time the tax payers have not had to borrow funds to purchase fire apparatus since 1952.

The Commissioners of the Corfu Fire District are keeping next year's budget increase to New York State's tax cap of 2%. This increase will only add \$2,700 to the overall budget. New York State passed this year, the Volunteer Cancer Law covering our volunteer interior firefighters. This is a much needed law; however it must be funded by the Fire District. This insurance along with the increase Genesee County is charging the fire district for Workers Comp. is costing over \$4,000. These increases in insurance and other parts of our budget are being offset by lowering funds going into savings for future fire apparatus.

Don't forget the Fire Department is having a Halloween Open House at the Fire Hall on October 31<sup>st</sup> between 6:30 pm and 9:30 pm with kid's activities, games and prizes. There will also be coffee, cider and donuts. Let's have a safe Halloween!

The Fire Department is also co-sponsoring the Christmas Toy Drive in conjunction with the Village of Corfu and Corfu Presbyterian Church to benefit local children. Toys may be dropped off at the Fire Department on Monday nights, at the Village Office Monday-Friday 9am-4pm or at the Presbyterian Church. For further information contact the Presbyterian Church at 599-6414.

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### **SOME OF THE MANY UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE**



Corfu United  
Presbyterian Church

- Corfu Area Food Pantry
- Bagged Meal Program
- CROP Hunger Walk
- Winter coat collection
- Toy Drive
- Christmas baskets
- Operation Christmas Child

For further info:

**Contact Church at 599-6414**

#### CORFU LIBRARY



#### SOME CORFU LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Story Hour every Wed. at 10:30 am  
Family Movie Nights several times/year  
Technology Tuesdays-4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday/month –  
get answers to computer questions  
Book Club 6:30 pm-3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday/month  
Free Wi-Fi available as well as desktop  
computers for patron use

Support the Library by donating to  
their Paper Recycling Bin.  
See website for more info.  
[www.corfulibrary.org](http://www.corfulibrary.org)

#### ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
St. Max Night Out, *Dinner,*  
*Music and Prizes*, 6PM, EP  
Social Hall

Mon, November 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
Movie Night & Discussion,  
*Clare & Francis*, 6:30PM, EP  
Social Hall

Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>  
Community Thanksgiving  
Service, 3PM, Corfu Church

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Live Nativity, 7PM, EP  
Social Hall

**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**



**ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE  
ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER**

8656 Church St., E. Pembroke  
**Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Noon Until 2 pm**  
 Roast Beef, mashed potatoes,  
 Gravy, squash, veggies, desserts & more  
**Served Family Style**  
 Adults: \$10, Kids under 12: \$5  
 (Under 5 yrs. old Free)  
 Raffles, Crafts, Baked Goods  
 Contact 599-4833 for more info!

**CORFU UNITED  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



**OPEN HOUSE &  
TOY DRIVE**

Light refreshments will be  
 available  
 Sponsored by Corfu United Pres.  
 Church, Corfu Vol. Fire Dept. &  
 Corfu Police Department  
 For Open House date & times  
 Contact Church at 599-6414



**ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE  
NIGHT OUT-November 10<sup>th</sup>**

Dinner, Music and prizes  
 Dinner - 6:30pm  
 Music 8pm-midnight  
 East Pembroke Social Hall  
 8656 Church St., E. Pembroke  
 Featuring live band RED CREEK  
 Tickets \$25 includes cash prize  
 Drawings of \$500, \$200 & \$100  
 Many more door prize drawings.  
 Contact 599-4833 for more info!

**CROSSROADS HOUSE**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Basket Raffle**  
 Sat. October 27, 2018  
 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
 At ARC Community Center  
 38 Woodrow, Batavia  
**New this year: Vintage/Retro  
 Basket Table**  
 Tickets: \$5/sheet of tickets  
 Baskets being drawn at 3:00pm  
 Need not be present to win!  
 Light Lunch, Beverages & Desserts  
 Available for Purchase  
 For more info: [www.crossroadhouse.com](http://www.crossroadhouse.com)

**CORFU LIBRARY NEWS**

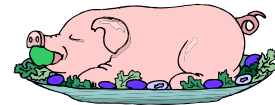


**Library Hours**  
 Mon. & Wed. 10:00 – 2:00  
 Tues. & Thur. 2:00 – 8:00  
 Friday 3:00 – 8:00  
 Closed Saturday and Sunday

See our Website at  
[www.corfulibrary.org](http://www.corfulibrary.org)  
 For events, new books and videos.  
 Phone: 599-3321

**CORFU GRANGE**

**ROAST PORK DINNER**



**Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Noon until Sold Out**

Portion of proceeds goes to  
 “Words for Thirds” Dictionary Project

**Troop #67 BOY SCOUTS**



**DINNER AT DENNY'S**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>**

From 4:00 pm- 10:00 pm  
 Denny's Restaurant  
 On Allegheny Road  
**20% of your food bill goes to  
 support your local troop!**

**BOY SCOUTS**

**Food Drive**



**Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 Boy Scouts will be collecting  
 Non-perishable food items for  
 the Corfu Food Pantry.  
 Leave bag hanging on easy  
 access, noticeable home  
 door knob for pick-up or  
 contact Charlie at 599-3748

**Troop #67 BOY SCOUTS**



**BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE**  
**Saturday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

From 9:00 am- 2:00 pm  
 At Charlie Lenhard's House  
 104 East Main Street  
**SUPPORT YOUR  
 LOCAL SCOUTS!**

If your group or organization has an event coming up in late January through early April contact the Village Office and we can put it in the next quarterly issue of the Village Newsletter.